

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING MARCH 14, 2023

The St. Clair County Commission met in regular session on March 14, 2023, in the County Commission Chambers of the St. Clair County Courthouse Annex #1 (Administrative Center) in Ashville, Alabama.

Members Present: Stan Batemon, Chairman
Jeff Brown, Commissioner District One
Ricky Parker, Commissioner District Two
Tommy Bowers, Commissioner District Three
Bob Mize, Commissioner District Four

Members Absent:

Others Present: Tina Morgan, Administrator
Corey Phillips, Assistant Deputy Administrator
Dan Dahlke, Engineer
James E. Hill, III, County Attorney
Gary Hanner, License Inspector
Aislinn Campbell, E911 Director
David Atchison, St. Clair Times
Lyman Lovejoy, Lovejoy Reality
Elizabeth Mealer, Retired Revenue Commissioner
Don Smith, EDC Director
Matt Tortorici, Visitor
Allison Gray, Visitor
Pat Shipp, Visitor

CALL TO ORDER of Regular Meeting

Chairman Batemon declared a quorum present at 9:10 a.m. and called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the agenda be approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting on February 28, 2023, are approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The first item of the Engineer's report was an informational item updating the road crews.

The next item was to discuss approval of the recommendation of County Engineer, Dan Dahlke, to award Bid #2023-19 for Guardrail Installation to Alabama Guardrail, lowest responsible bidder. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

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RESOLVED, that awarding Bid #2023-19 for Guardrail Installation to Alabama Guardrail, lowest responsible bidder is approved. (Recommendation letter to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #1)

The next item was to discuss approval of the recommendation of County Engineer, Dan Dahlke, to award Bid #2023-28 for Micro Surface Paving to Whitaker Construction, lowest responsible bidder. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that awarding Bid #2023-28 for Micro Surface Paving to Whitaker Construction, lowest responsible bidder is approved. (Recommendation letter to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #2)

The next item was to discuss approval to change the paygrade of the Chief Mechanic Position from a 16 to 17. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that changing the paygrade of the Chief Mechanic Position from 16 to 17 is approved.

The next item was to discuss approval of an agreement with ALDOT (Alabama Department of Transportation) concerning FAEF (Federal Aid Exchange Funds). On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that an agreement with ALDOT concerning FAEF Funds is approved. (Agreement to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #3)

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The first item of business of the Administrator's report was an informational item to be recorded in the minutes: The county received the 1st quarter Pistol Permit Revenue Loss check on March 13, 2023 in the amount of \$14,658.75. Per Act 2022-133.

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

The first item of the Attorney's report was to approve the request of Sheriff Billy Murray to transfer SSUT (Simplified Sellers Use Tax) funds from General Fund to Pistol Permit in the amount of \$145,576.96. Note: The funds transferred will be subject to the bid law depending on the amount of the item. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was Note: The funds transferred will be subject to the bid law depending on the amount of the item.

RESOLVED, that the request of Sheriff Billy Murray to transfer SSUT funds from General Fund to Pistol Permit in the amount of \$145,576.96 is approved.

The next item of the Attorney's report was to approve a change order for the Pandemic Response Center Project to Holland Seals in the amount of \$32,753.00. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a change order for the Pandemic Response Center Project to Holland Seals in the amount of \$32,753.00 is approved. (Change order to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #4)

The next item of the Attorney's report was to approve purchasing an ad promoting/highlighting the County's Economic Development projects in the Discover Magazine in the amount of \$1,132.00. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that purchasing an ad promoting/highlighting the County's Economic Development projects in the Discover Magazine in the amount of \$1,132.00 is approved.

CHAIRMAN STAN BATEMON'S REPORT

Chairman Batemon discussed calling a work session that the Mayors of St. Clair County have requested to discuss the local fuel tax.

Chairman Batemon requested to amend the agenda to call a work session at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, in Ashville to discuss fuel tax with the Mayors of St. Clair County. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a called work session to discuss the local fuel tax at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, in Ashville is approved.

COMMISSIONER JEFF BROWN'S REPORT

Commissioner Brown mentioned that the City of Ashville would be coming to the Commission in a few weeks to request help with funding for matching grant funds.

COMMISSIONER RICKY PARKER'S REPORT

Commissioner Parker said that there have been 3,000 loads of dirt used to extinguish the Moody landfill fire. The Trails End project in Moody will hopefully be ready to bid this summer.

COMMISSIONER TOMMY BOWER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bowers said that he is getting a few complaints from citizens about litter. Also, he will be getting with Dan Dahlke, County Engineer, to discuss some roads that are on the list to be paved.

COMMISSIONER BOB MIZE'S REPORT

Commissioner Mize said that Sheriff Murray met with some of the gentlemen that came to the last work session, about the Winnataska road litter issue and that the Sheriff is working to resolve this problem.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

The first item of New Business was to discuss approval of the travel requests as presented in the work session. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that approving the travel requests as presented in the work session are approved. (Travel requests to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #5)

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The next item was to discuss rescinding Resolution 2022-33 and the Wellhouse contract from the Commission Meeting on February 22, 2022. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that Resolution 2022-33 and the Wellhouse contract from the Commission Meeting on February 22, 2022, be rescinded.

The next item was to discuss approval of the request of Freddie Turrentine, Central Dispatch Director, to adopt Resolution 2023-31 for a PWP (Public Works Project) to purchase four generators from Home Depot for the radio towers at the Chandler Mountain, Beaver Mountain & the Springville location in the estimated amount of \$21,256.32, to be paid from the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds. Note: The amount is not correct. The request was to only purchase three generators. There will be a follow-up on this item at a Commission Meeting at a future date. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Freddie Turrentine, Central Dispatch Director, to adopt Resolution 2023-31 for a PWP to purchase four generators from Home Depot for the radio towers at the Chandler Mountain, Beaver Mountain & the Springville location in the estimated amount of \$21,256.32, to be paid from the ARPA funds be approved. (Resolution & contract to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #6) The amount is not correct. The request was to only purchase three generators. There will be a follow-up on this item at a Commission Meeting at a future date.

The next item was to discuss approval of the request from Freddie Turrentine, Central Dispatch Director, for a PWP to purchase and install three heat pumps with Allen Service Company, Inc., for the radio towers at the Chandler Mountain, Beaver Mountain & the Springville location in the estimated amount of \$20,908.65. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request from Freddie Turrentine, Central Dispatch Director, for a PWP to purchase and install three heat pumps with Allen Service Company, Inc., for the radio towers at the Chandler Mountain, Beaver Mountain & the Springville location in the estimated amount of \$20,908.65 is approved. (Contract to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #7)

The next item was to discuss approval of the request of Ashley Hay, Public/Recreation Asset Manager, to apply for a 2023 grant for a Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies for the Sheriff's office. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Ashley Hay, Public/Recreation Asset Manager, to apply for a 2023 grant for a Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies for the Sheriff's office is approved.

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The next item was to discuss approval of the request of Ashley Hay, Public/Recreation Asset Manager, to complete and apply for a FY24 Congressional Directed Spending Request Form for a Mobile Command Center for the Sheriff's office. On a motion by Commissioner Parker, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the request of Ashley Hay, Public/Recreation Asset Manager, to complete and apply for a FY24 Congressional Directed Spending Request Form for a Mobile Command Center for the Sheriff's office is approved.

The next item was to discuss approval to change the time of the 1 p.m. work session on Thursday, May 4, 2023, to 9 a.m. and approval to change the 9 a.m. Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, to Thursday, May 4, 2023, to follow the 9 a.m. work session due to the ACAA (Administrator's Conference) at the Perdido Beach resort. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that changing the time of the 1 p.m. work session on Thursday, May 4, 2023, to 9 a.m. and approval to change the 9 a.m. Commission meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, to Thursday, May 4, 2023, to follow the 9 a.m. work session due to the ACAA (Administrator's Conference) at the Perdido Beach resort are approved.

The next item was to discuss approval to change the date, time, and location of the 1 p.m. work session on Thursday, April 20, 2023, in Ashville to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, in Pell City and have the commission meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, to follow the work session due to the NACe conference at the Perdido Beach resort. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that changing the date, time, and location of the 1 p.m. work session on Thursday, April 20, 2023, in Ashville to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, in Pell City and have the commission meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, to follow the work session due to the NACe conference at the Perdido Beach resort is approved.

The next item was to discuss approval to renew the annual fire alarm monitoring service contract in the estimated amount of \$624.00 and the annual fire alarm inspection contract in the estimated amount of \$350.00 with Basesix for the Ashville jail. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Brown, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that renewing the annual fire alarm monitoring service contract in the estimated amount of \$624.00 and the annual fire alarm inspection contract in the estimated amount of \$350.00 with Basesix for the Ashville jail are approved. (Contracts to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #8)

The next item was to discuss payment to Allen Service Company, Inc., for completing a PWP for the removal & replacement of a HVAC unit at the Ashville Jail Administration building in the amount of \$15,127.00. On a

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motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Parker, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that payment to Allen Service Company, Inc., for completing a PWP for the removal & replacement of a HVAC unit at the Ashville Jail Administration building in the amount of \$15,127.00 is approved. (Contract to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #9)

The next item was to discuss approval of a County Technology Purchasing Policy #73, pending the County Attorney's review. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that a County Technology Purchasing Policy #73, pending the County Attorney's review is approved. (Policy to be made a part of these minutes as Attachment #10)

The next item was to discuss ratifying Chairman Batemon's execution of an authorizing form and quote for Environmental Materials Consultants, Inc., in the amount of \$10,200.00 for the project at the former Investigators building located at 1616 Cogswell Avenue Pell City AL, 35125. On a motion by Commissioner Mize, seconded by Commissioner Bowers, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that ratifying Chairman Batemon's execution of an authorizing form and quote for Environmental Materials Consultants, Inc., in the amount of \$10,200.00 for the project at the former Investigators building located at 1616 Cogswell Avenue Pell City AL, 35125 is approved.

Informational item to be recorded in the minutes: Sheriff Murray transferred a 2019 Chevy Tahoe Vin#8238 to the Commission Office Chairman, Stan Batemon.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

NONE

The next item for discussion was to approve payment of the monthly bills. On a motion by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye, it was

RESOLVED, that the monthly bills be approved for payment with the exception of those that are questioned by the Commission before the close of business today.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned, subject to call, at approximately 10:07 a.m. On a motion by Commissioner Bowers, seconded by Commissioner Mize, with all voting aye.

{SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW}

Stan Batemon, Chairman

Jeff Brown, Commissioner

Ricky Parker, Commissioner

Tommy Bowers, Commissioner

Bob Mize, Commissioner